

Montana Code Annotated 2005

From: 7-15-4206 (2) Definitions:

(2) "**Blighted area**" means an area that is conducive to ill health, transmission of disease, infant mortality, juvenile delinquency, and crime; substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of the city or its environs; retards the provision of housing accommodations; or constitutes an economic or social liability or is detrimental or constitutes a menace to the public health, safety, welfare, and morals in its present condition and use, by reason of:

- (a) the substantial physical dilapidation; deterioration; defective construction, material, and arrangement; or age obsolescence of buildings or improvements, whether residential or nonresidential;
- (b) inadequate provision for ventilation, light, proper sanitary facilities, or open spaces as determined by competent appraisers on the basis of an examination of the building standards of the municipality;
- (c) inappropriate or mixed uses of land or buildings;
- (d) high density of population and overcrowding;
- (e) defective or inadequate street layout;
- (f) faulty lot layout in relation to size, adequacy, accessibility, or usefulness;
- (g) excessive land coverage;
- (h) unsanitary or unsafe conditions;
- (i) deterioration of site;
- (j) diversity of ownership;
- (k) tax or special assessment delinquency exceeding the fair value of the land;
- (l) defective or unusual conditions of title;
- (m) improper subdivision or obsolete platting;
- (n) the existence of conditions that endanger life or property by fire or other causes; or
- (o) any combination of the factors listed in this subsection (2).